

devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. I Peter 5: 5-9.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Jas. 4: 6-8.

The whole world lieth in wickedness. I John 5: 19. The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2: 16. The friendship of the world is enmity with God. Jas. 4: 4.

The child of God must overcome the world. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15: 57. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Eph. 6: 10. Jesus says, in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. John 16: 33. Praise the Lord. Paul says, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4: 13. God give us grace to do the same; having Christ in us the only hope of victory. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12: 32. It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2: 13. It is the good pleasure of God that his children be overcomers. Whatsoever is born of God overcome the world: and this is the victory that overcome the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcome the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? I John 5: 4, 5. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. Rom. 10: 10. Are we believing thus? If we are, victory will be ours in the name of Jesus.

Let us now consider the reward of those who overcome, and the song they shall sing.

To him that overcome will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2: 7. He that overcome shall not be hurt of the second death. Rev. 2: 11. To him that overcome will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Rev. 2: 17. He that overcome, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Rev. 3: 5. Him that overcome will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: Rev. 3: 12. To him that

overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Rev. 3: 21. He that overcome shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21: 7.

Our hearts overflowing with gratitude and praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we can now sing the victor's song—Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. Rev. 15: 3, 4.

#### REVERENCE FOR THE BIBLE.

There is a sin prevalent in our households of which we take little note, which, in fact, we encourage either by an indifference to it, or by an active participation in its folly and wickedness; the use of the word of God for the purpose of making riddles, conundrums, puzzling questions, anagrams, etc., etc., out of it. If we really believe in the Divine origin of the Bible can it be right to give it to children that they may construe its words into odd connections, and make sport and laughter and mental legerdemain from its pages? It is likely they will reverence on other occasions what has previously been food for their amusement? It is not, and we need not be astonished if the boys and girls who have been permitted to turn the leaves of their Bibles for pastime and entertainment, turn them in after years to find pretext for their infidelity.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

#### SPOILING BY LOVE.

No boy was ever "spoiled" by too much love, not even mother-love, for love is from God. If he goes wrong it only proves, not that he was loved too much, but that he was loved too little. Loving her boy, but loving herself more, a mother says: "Go away! Don't bother me!" And the boy goes. If the parents love right-doing, the boy will also. Parents laugh at wrong acts or neglect to make right attractive, and then when wrong thoughts, habits and companions are fixed, either quarrel with the boy or bewail him too late.—*Interior*.

No temporal blessing is too great to expect from a God whose love was so infinite as to give His own Son for the salvation of mankind.—*Saurin*.

SELFISHNESS is the grindstone on which sin sharpens all its deadly weapons.

## Home Circle.

### MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY.

From this home on the hills to that other,  
Across the wide fields, far away,  
I send you love's greeting, dear mother,  
And the fondest, best wishes to-day.

How memory and love go together  
To the bright, happy days that are gone,  
When the chestnut brown locks of my mother  
Were beauty itself to her son!

To the time when, with sisters and brothers,  
And with father so noble and strong,  
I was blessed with the dearest of mothers,  
And with happiness all the day long.

But, though your dear locks are now silver,  
They're beautiful still to your boy  
As the the sunlight that played on the river  
Near the home of his innocent joy.

From the old-fashioned garden I'd gather  
The prettiest flowers that grow,  
And on the dear brow of my mother  
To-day a bright garland bestow.

Dear father, dear sister, dear brother,  
Dear children, let's make her a crown,  
And wish, on this day, for dear mother,  
Full many a happy, return!

And now, clasping hands with each other,  
We'll gather around her and say:  
"God bless you! We love you, dear mother,  
And bring you these tokens to-day."

### THAT BOY.

"John, go right over to the butcher's and get that meat for dinner."

"Make Jim go; I'm busy."

"Tell Jim I say for him to go after the meat, and hurry up;" and the head is drawn inside the window.

"I won't do it. You can go yourself."

"You will, too; ma said you had to."

"She told you first, and you can just go."

About five minutes of this for an interlude, and then the window up stairs is opened again.

"Jim, I thought I told you to go after that meat."

"You told John to go first. Why don't you make him go?"

"Well, one of you had better go pretty quick. If your father comes home and there's no meat for dinner you know what you'll catch."

The head has gone back inside the window, so the boys fight it out, and the one who gets the worst of the fight goes off for the meat, howling loudly and threatening dire vengeance on the other.

A casual observer might say these were bad boys, and they are in a fair way to become so; but the fault lies altogether with the parents. If there are good boys there must be good government; and this would surely have sent the first boy on the errand with one reply. But wait a mo-